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For: ASSISTANT LIGHT-SOURCE AND  
FRONT-LIGHT

Examiner: Tso, Laura K.

Group Art Unit: 2875

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	1.	EP 1126213	08-22-2001	Citizen Electronics Co.		
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